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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
50	- 20 or HP = 17	x 50.00 =	850.00	Fee (\$)
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20				
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	
3	- 3 or HP = 0	x 0 =	0	Fee Paid (\$)
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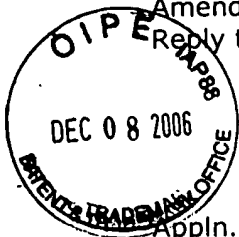
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page _____ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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